



# MONTGOMERY HOUSING ALLIANCE

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## **Testimony on Supplemental Appropriation to the County Government's FY22 Capital Budget** Montgomery Housing Alliance

February 8, 2022

Good afternoon Council President Alborno and members of the Council. My name is Mary Kolar, and I am testifying on behalf of Montgomery Housing Alliance (MHA). MHA is a coalition of organizations focused on increasing the rate of affordable housing preservation and development in Montgomery County. MHA members include non-profit developers, organizations that serve people in need of affordable housing, and other groups who count affordable housing as one of their policy goals.

MHA supports a supplemental appropriation of approximately \$14.8 million to the County's FY22 budget for DHCA.

We applaud the Council's commitment to affordable housing programs and your unanimous affirmation of the housing targets identified in the 2019 Council of Governments report. This supplemental appropriation represents a major step toward meeting these targets. With an additional \$14.8 million for affordable housing, FY22 will mark the first year the County has funded the Housing Initiative Fund (HIF) at more than \$100 million. MHA commends the County for taking this step, and hope that it serves as a precedent for future years, beginning with FY23.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input as you consider this matter.



*The Montgomery Housing Alliance is a coalition of  
the Community Development Network of Maryland*